



# Moimuna Mata-Shishu Hospital



▶ *Serving the rural poor in Bangladesh ....*

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“ *A great gift for the people of my Union, as well those around us.* ”

Abu Hasan Mohammad Abdul Hannan (Hannu)  
Chairman 8no Rohimanpur Union Parishad  
Thakurgaon



# The hospital - What it does and its facilities



## ► Serving the poor rural women and children<sup>1</sup>

The hospital, which has 30 beds, provides the following services:

- Free medical check-ups for pregnant women and newborn babies
- Free basic medicines for the poor, based on donations received
- Pre-natal and post-natal maternity/child care facilities and training.
- Low-cost natural delivery and caesarean services
- Low-cost surgical services and medication for child injuries
- Basic blood, urine and stool tests
- X-ray facilities
- Dental care

On an average week<sup>2</sup>, the hospital treats 400 out-patients, provides free pre-natal check-ups to 60 pregnant women and delivers 10 babies of which 36 percent are by cesarean operation. Post-natal advisory services are continuously provided to about 20 mothers. It performs about 6 surgical operations, mostly appendicitis, haemorrhoids and child injuries.

It employs 3 qualified medical doctors, 6 nurses, 2 paramedics and 10 additional support staff, mostly girls from the surrounding villages.

<sup>1</sup> Mata-shishu in Bengali means 'mother and child'.

<sup>2</sup> Based on the hospital's monthly reports submitted to the Ministry of Health, Government of Bangladesh.







# Its background and establishment



In 2012, in order to address the critical shortage of health-care services for the rural poor who cannot afford the high cost of services provided by the private clinics in the District of Thakurgaon, Bangladesh, Pollibir Unnayan Sangstha, a local Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), in collaboration with the Syed Welfare Trust, the Euroasian Centre for Policy Studies and Management (ERUSMA) and the Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse, France assisted in the establishment of the Moimuna Mata-Shishu Hospital. This hospital has an emergency obstetric care (EOC) and other surgical facilities.



The hospital, a 1000 m<sup>2</sup> building, with options for wide expansion, was designed by Architect Christiaan Hiemstra from the Netherlands and Ms Federica Branca, from Rome, Italy. Engr Zahurul Islam directed its construction. It has 30 beds, an operating theatre and all other facilities for normal and caesarean delivery, EOC and minor surgical operations. The beds, as well as most of the surgical equipment and several other basic elements necessary to start operation were donated by the Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse, France. The Hospital also has an ambulance.



# The hospital's training programme

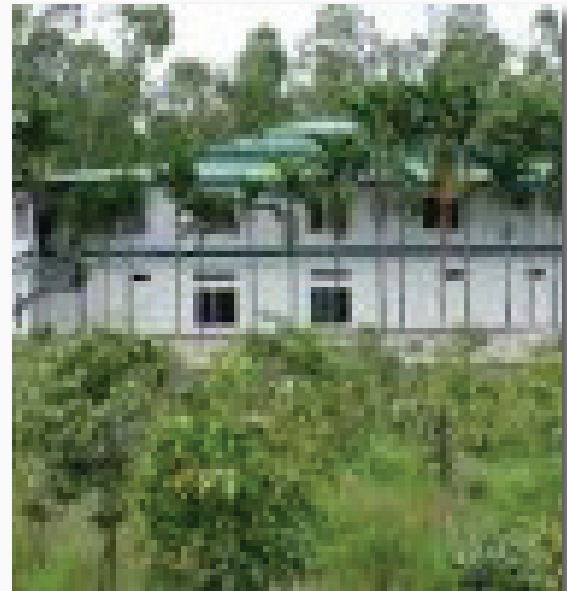
The hospital provides regular training to pregnant mothers on pre-natal and post-natal care on its premises as well as by house calls.



# The hospital's nursing institute

The hospital is now part of the newly established Moimuna Nursing Institute (MNI). The nursing Institute is established with the view to generate employment opportunities for the rural girls and boys. Beyond just producing highly qualified and capable nurses, the MNI programme, in collaboration with the hospital, emphasizes holistic approach to nursing and health care. Beyond just knowledge and practical skills, the curriculum emphasizes participation in sports, professionalism, integrity, and compassion as fundamental values that are ingrained in all trainees and hospital staff. MNI seeks not only to produce competent nurses, but raise the standards and expectations of health workers across the country. MNI takes pride in highly qualified and dedicated faculty, excellent infrastructure, global standard facilities and teaching aids.

It as a Scholarship programme dedicated to support the poor and meritorious students. The scholarship programme is designed to ensure that any rural girl or boy interested and qualified to enrol to become a nurse will not be able to do so because of lack of money. For contribution to and more information about the scholarship fund kindly refer to: [www.moimunanursing/scholarship](http://www.moimunanursing/scholarship).



# Meet the hospital's benefactors

“ We are trying. So can you!  
A little bit of help often goes further than  
you think.



## Syed Welfare Trust

Thakurgaon, Bangladesh

Provided the land and the cost of construction of the hospital. It provides the operation and maintenance cost of the hospital, including salaries of staff, the doctors, nurses and para-medics.



## Françoise Janicaud-Syed

St. Etienne, France

Contributed to the development of the children's playground in the hospital, including a slide and swing.



## Louis Bockel

France

Initiated and facilitated collaboration with Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse after visiting the construction of the Hospital in Rahimanpur, Thakurgaon.





### Christina Liamzon & Edgar Valenzuela

The Philippines

Contributed in the purchase of the furniture for the reception area.



### Mr & Mrs Dewan Sadek Afzal

Sylhet, Bangladesh

Provided the analyser for the laboratory.



### Nicholas and Fatima Hughes

Jakarta, Indonesia

Contributed by upgrading the operation Room of the hospital.



### Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse

France

Senator Jean Marie Bockel and Madame Danielle Portal, President and Director respectively of the Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse, France, provided the beds, medical equipment and materials which enabled the hospital to operate. In total, the Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse contributed 8 tonnes of medical material and equipment.



### Major (Retd) Taneem Hasan & Tazeem Hasan (Babu)

Dhaka, Bangladesh

These two brothers donated a diagnostic centre, lovingly named after their parents: MA (Mahtaz & Ambia) diagnostic Centre. This is an integral part of the hospital.



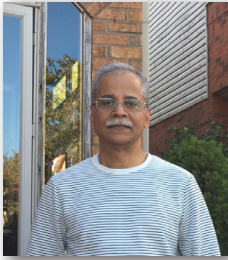
### Dr Veronique Gillet & Engr. Fabrizio Gambetti

Rome, Italy

They have been a continuous source of support and inspiration in establishing the hospital.



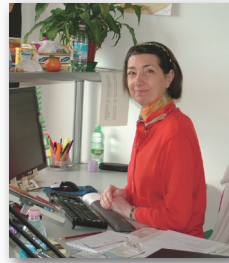




**Azmat Ashraf**

Ontario, Canada

Contributed the ECG machine and towards upgrading the room where the ECG machine is located.



**Sylvaine Thomas**

France

Dedicated her time in facilitating contact with Centre Hospitalier de Mulhouse in arranging shipment of the materials.



**Gladis & Andrew Marr**

United States

Facilitated in obtaining the ambulance for the hospital.



**Abdul Latif**

Georgia, USA

Contributed towards furnishing the hospital.



**Engr. Zahirul Islam**

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Contributed his services by supervising and guiding the construction works of the hospital.



**Dierk Stegan**

Hamburg, Germany

Facilitated shipment of the ambulance for the hospital.

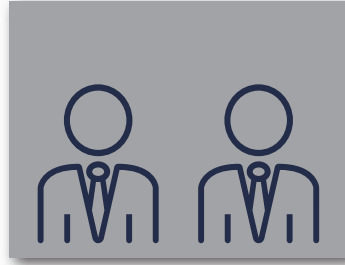




## Mohsiul and Shaheen Alam

Arizona, USA

Contribute each month to support free distribution of medicine to the poor people who come to the hospital.



## Two freedom fighters

Bangladesh

These two freedom fighters wished to remain anonymous. One of them is Bir-Pratik.

# Meet the doctors



Dr Tahsiba Mow

M.B.B.S  
Post Graduate Training in gynaecology  
Female & Child Specialist



Dr Ohaedur Zaman Sojib

M.B.B.S  
Medicine & Child Specialist



Dr M.D. Arshad Ali

M.B.B.S  
M.S. Surgery

The visiting doctors are Dr Monalisa Islam (Munni), M.B.B.S., B.C.S. (Health), MPH (Epid) and Dr Natasa Islam, Dental Surgeon.



# Meet the management



**Saifullah Syed**

Chairman, Board of Directors



**Ahmed Raja**

Vice Chairman, Board of Directors



**Dr Mohamad Abdul Momen**

Director and Chief Medical Officer

A Board of Directors, consisting of representatives of the local government authorities, the district medical officer, hospital staff and a few selected local NGOs, manages the hospital. Dr Saifullah Syed, President, Pollibir Unnayan Sangstha [Pollibir Development Organization, a local NGO] and former Chief, Policy Assistance Branch for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors. He can be contacted for matters related to the hospital by e-mail: [saifullah.syed@erusma.org](mailto:saifullah.syed@erusma.org) or [saifullah1.syed@gmail.com](mailto:saifullah1.syed@gmail.com). Dr Lutfa Begum, MBBS, specializing in gynaecology is the hospital's Chief Adviser.

Dr Abdul Momin, MBBS, D.Ph, M. Ph (Dhaka); BCS (Health) and former Civil Surgeon, Thakurgaon, is the Chief Medical Officer and Director of the Hospital. Dr. Sohan Hossain, Sub-Assistant Community Medical Officer, is the manager of the Hospital. He is responsible for regular management of the hospital. He works in close collaboration with Dr A. Momin, Director, and under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

